

Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



Inn at Westwood Farm Bed & Breakfast



Orange, Virginia

Virginia Green Lodging is the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) initiative to promote pollution prevention (P2) practices in the tourism and hospitality industry. *Green Lodging* encourages hotels, resorts, and other hospitality operations to be aware of their impact on the environment and to take steps to reduce these impacts. *Green Lodging* is a non-regulatory program, and participation is completely voluntary and free of charge.

Inn at Westwood Farm

Inn at Westwood Farm is a 1910 farmhouse located on 15 acres with barn, paddocks, gardens and woods. The bed and breakfast features four guest rooms and concierge service is a signature of the inn. Inn at Westwood Farm is committed to environmental excellence and works to minimize environmental impacts whenever possible.

Green Lodging Activities. When visiting Inn at Westwood Farm, you can expect the following practices:

- (\$) **Optional linen service** in rooms
- **Recycling** opportunities for guests
- **(\$)** Water Conservation
- **(\$)** Energy conservation
- (\$) Green events

Optional Linen Service

- Train house cleaners on process of optional linen service
- Purchase water efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Use linen service providers that employ "wet" versus "dry" cleaning

Recycling

- Recycle glass, aluminum cans, steel cans, grease, plastic, newspaper, cardboard, fluorescent lamps, and batteries
- Compost excess food wastes

Waste Reduction

- Track overall waste bills
- Fill bulk soap dispensers and shampoo bottles
- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Eliminate use of Styrofoam
- Use dishware and glassware to minimize use of disposables
- Disposable containers made from recycled content or compostable materials



- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar in bulk
- Refill water pitchers to minimize single use bottles
- Implement effective food inventory system to minimize waste
- Donate excess food from events
- Purchase locally grown, organic, sustainable grown produce and other foods
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Use two-sided copying and printing
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Use "green" cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources and use latex paint
- Reuse paint thinners and recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents properly
- Use preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing and vehicles
- Effective inventory system and labeling of last-in/first-out
- Use least toxic materials
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides and use integrated pest management

Water Conservation

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- High efficiency dishwashers
- Use dry clean up methods over water-based methods
- Low flow toilets and restrictors on faucets and showerheads
- Effective landscape management plan
- Minimization of impervious areas
- Vegetative buffers around streams and ponds

Energy Conservation

- Tracking overall energy bills and set a numeric goal to reduce
- Use high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in rooms and spotlights
- Use high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps
- Have High Efficiency Heating & Air Conditioning and use ceiling fans
- Use natural lighting whenever possible
- Purchase EnergyStar computers and appliances
- Thermal rated windows and insulation



For more information on *Virginia Green Lodging* program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging.



Virginia Green Lodging program is a supporting partner of *Virginia Green*, the Commonwealth's campaign to encourage environmentally-friendly practices is all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. Virginia Green is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation.







